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J.W. NORTH HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CROWNED MISS ORANGE BLOSSOM 2006

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Sunday, March 19, 2006 the City of Riverside in conjunction with the 12th Annual Riverside Orange Blossom Festival, crowned the first Miss Orange Blossom Scholarship Pageant winners. Solymar Sola-Negrón, an 18-year-old senior from J.W. North High School, won the title of Miss Orange Blossom 2006 and a \$2500 Scholarship from Phoenix Construction. Alexandra Paramo, a 17-year-old, senior at Ramona High School, and Madeleine Roell, a 17 year-old, senior at J.W. North High School were named Miss Orange Blossom I Princesses 2006 with each winning a \$1,250 scholarship sponsored by the Riverside Plaza and 951 Magazine.

This year 14 young Riverside women ages 17 – 22, competed for the first Miss Orange Blossom title. Finalists were selected based on their grade point average, essays, community service, and extra curricular activities. During the pageant, Riverside Councilmember Nancy Hart, Rose Girard (company), Anne Rogan, (company), Vic Slick, (radio station), and Jocelyn Whitfield (company) judged the contestants in three categories: social/business etiquette, City history, and citrus knowledge. Scott Barber, City of Riverside Director of Community Development emceed the event and Mayor Ron Loveridge crowned Miss Orange Blossom and the two members of her court.

Negrón, Paramo, and Roell, will participate in speaking engagements prior to the Orange Blossom festivities, and act as goodwill ambassadors for the City of Riverside and the Riverside Orange Blossom Festival. Each year the Orange Blossom Festival draws more than 200,000 people to the heart of the Inland Empire to celebrate the City of Riverside's rich citrus heritage through art, live music, food, family fun, and a sense of community pride. Festivalgoers enjoy the rich citrus history by experiencing activities showcased in the Groves of the Festival.

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